

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

**Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 5-6 beginning at line 32 with the following amended paragraph:**

Fig. 1 is a diagram illustrating a relationship between the dispersion parameter  $Q$  of a multi-layer structure sheet of the present invention and the haze (%) of the sheet of when the multi-layer structure sheet is drawn into 3 times x 3 times in the longitudinal and transverse directions. As will be obvious from Fig. , the haze decreases and the transparency increases as the dispersion parameter  $Q$  representing the grain size distribution of the island portions approaches 1. In the multi-layer structure for packaging for which transparency is required and, particularly, in the case of a bottle, in general, it is desired that the haze is not larger than 20%. In the multi-layer structure of the present invention as will be obvious from Fig. 2 which shows a relationship between the dispersion parameter  $Q$  and the haze of a multi-layer bottle, the haze becomes smaller than 20% when the dispersion parameter  $Q$  is near 0.68, from which it is obvious that a satisfactory transparency is maintained.

**Please replace the first full paragraph at page 8 beginning at line 11 with the following amended paragraph:**

Fig. 1 is a diagram illustrating a relationship between the dispersion parameter  $Q$  and the haze of a multi-layer structure sheet;

**Please replace the second full paragraph at page 8 beginning at line 13 with the following amended paragraph:**

Fig. 2 is a diagram illustrating a relationship between the dispersion parameter  $Q$  and the haze of a multi-layer structure bottle;

**Please replace the second full paragraph at page 12 beginning at line 8 with the following amended paragraph:**

Among them, a poly(m-xylylene adipamide) having terminal amino groups in an amount of smaller than  $40 \text{ eq}/10^6 \text{ g}$  has an excellent oxidizing function, and can be used as the functional resin B together with a transition metal catalyst that will be described later, i.e., can be used as the intermediate layer so as to exhibit an oxygen-absorbing function so as to absorb and trap oxygen. It is further allowable to blend an oxidizing organic component and a transition metal catalyst (oxidizing catalyst) in the ~~intermediate layer~~ gas barrier resin to impart oxygen-absorbing property to the gas-barrier resin used as the functional resin B, i.e., to impart oxygen-absorbing ability to the intermediate layer. That is, by oxidizing the oxidizing organic component, oxygen is absorbed and trapped, and the gas-barrier resin exhibits an enhanced oxygen barrier function. The transition metal catalyst is blended to promote the oxidation of the oxidizing polymer. These oxidizing organic component and the transition metal catalyst, too, are dispersed together with the functional resin B like islands.